

Remarks/Arguments

Summary of Action

In the subject office action, the examiner:

- (a) rejected claims 27 and 28 under 35 USC 102b, as being anticipated by RUDISILL (5711588);
- (b) objected to claims 29-40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and
- (c) allowed claims 1-26.

Summary of Response

Claims 3-26 and 29-40 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 27 and 28 have been canceled. Claim 29 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim 27 and intervening claim 28. Claim 30 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim 27. Claims 31-40 depend from amended claim 29.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 3-26 are directed to allowable subject matter, and that claims 29-40 would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 29-40 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that in view of the foregoing amendments, the application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney below in order to assist in the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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